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SUBJ: SRI LANKA TRADE UNIONIST AT PSI CONGRESS

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PASS LABOR/LAB

1. DOES EMBASSY PLAN TO NOMINATE VADIVEL FOR PARTIAL GRANT CHARGEABLE TO FY '74 ALLOCATION? (STATE 178714) SITUATION OUTLINED REFTTEL APPARENTLY STILL STANDS: AMERICAN PUBLIC SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (PSI) AFFILIATE WILL OFFER HOSPITALITY TO DELEGATES ONLY DURING CONVENTION.

2. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IN VADIVEL CASE WAS FACT SRI LANKA EMBASSY COUNSELOR (DE ALWIS) QUERIED DEPT OFF WEEK OF SEPT. 24 ON NATURE VADIVEL ATTENDANCE PSI CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY WHETHER IT US FINANCED. PRESUMABLY HIS INQUIRY BASED ON INSTRUCTION FROM COLOMBO. DEPT OFF INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING IT PSI FINANCED AND IN RESPONSE TO DE ALWIS' QUESTIONS EXPLAINED INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONS. HE APPEARED SATISFIED VADIVEL ATTENDANCE IS TRADE UNION NOT POLITICAL MATTER. DEPT OFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY SEPT. 30 TO INFORM DE ALWIS OF GSL APPROVAL CWC PRESIDENT THONDAMAN NOMINATION DEVELOPING WORLD TRADE UNION
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SEMINAR. (COLOMBO 2429). DE ALWIS WAS UNINFORMED ON

THONDAMAN CASE AND APPEARED SOMEWHAT AGITATED WE HAD NOT BRIEFED HIM.

3. IN VIEW DE ALWIS INTEREST IN CWC TRADE UNIONIST TRAVEL DO YOU OBJECT OUR INFORMING HIM OF SANDERASEKERA NOMINATION? (COLOMBO 2428) HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH GSL? WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED HERE OF CEYLONESE TRADE UNIONIST TRAVEL IN WHICH USG INTERESTED IN ORDER REINFORCE YOUR REPRESENTATIONS THAT WE ARE NOT PUSHING PAROCHIAL POLITICAL FACTIONS. KISSINGER

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